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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

To this end, the U.S. Patent Office is advised of a later filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2005/001387, which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 11/658,303. The Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2005/001387, and a Search Report (No. FA

652851) issued for French Patent Application No. 04/08309, the priority of which is claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2005/001387, each cite the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication

2002/117566 (Cheng) - Published: August 29, 2002

Foreign Documents

DE 195 14 794 (Gass) - Published: October 24, 1996 FR 2 857 842 (PSP Industries SAS) -

- Published: January 28, 2005

Copies of the above-listed Search Reports and "Foreign Documents" (including an available English language abstract for DE 195 14 794) are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in this matter. To be noted is that French Patent Application No. 04/02299, the priority of which is claimed in connection with the present U.S. Patent Application, was published under the No. FR 2 857 842. A concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language documents is available with reference to the Search Reports which cite the non-English language document.

A copy of the U.S. patent document has not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of

the waiver of such requirements for International Applications which entered their U.S. national stage after June 30, 2003 (OG Notices; 05 August 2003).

French Patent Application No. 04/08309 was published under the No. 2,873,559 on February 3, 2006, and a copy of FR 2,873,559 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

The specification for U.S. Patent Application No. 11/658,303 also cites French Patent Application No. 04 02299. French Patent Application No. 04 02299 is cited for describing a grinding device in which the rotation of an operating ring drives a dish-holder in translation, making it possible to vary the relative position between a grinding block associated with the device and the dish, for grinding a condiment, providing a concise explanation of the relevance of this non-English language document.

As previously indicated, French Patent Application No. 04/02299 was published under the No. 2,857,842, on January 28, 2005, and a copy of FR 2 857 842 has been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing

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